June 23, 2000

Re: 00-0315

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is a copy of the Memorandum from the Hearing Examiner to the Commission regarding recommended action at the Bench Session on June 21, 2000. The Order presented to the Commission was entered with no changes and therefore, is not enclosed.

Sincerely,

Donna M. Caton Chief Clerk

DMC:jbm Enclosure

Delivered by Inter-Office Mail to:

James Weging, Office of General Counsel, Illinois Commerce Commission

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Docket No.: 00-0315 **Bench Date:** 06-21-00 **Deadline:** 07-27-00

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: Donald L. Woods, Hearing Examiner

DATE: June 6, 2000

SUBJECT: Illinois Bell Telephone Company (Ameritech Illinois) and

Rhythms Links, Inc.

Joint Petition for Approval of Illinois Merger Amendment to the Negotiated Interconnection Agreement dated January 1,

2000, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252.

RECOMMENDATION: Enter an order approving the Amendment.

Petitioners seek approval of an Illinois Merger Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement. The Amendment seeks to implement various conditions contained in the Federal Communication Commission's order approving the merger of Ameritech and SBC Communications, Inc. Staff recommended that the Amendment be approved. The attached order approves the Amendment, finding that it is not discriminatory and is not contrary to the public interest, convenience and necessity.

DW/Iw